



## 2002 GAMES AT A GLANCE

**517 Competitors**

**481 Men**

**36 Women**

**84 Wheelchair Vets**

**17 Visually Impaired**

**67 Teams**

**39 States represented**

**Oldest Competitors**

**Victor Louis, 91**

**Canandaigua VAMC**

**Dorothy Davis, 85**

**Loma Linda VAMC**

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# 16th National Veterans Golden Age Games

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## Network 22 Welcomes Veteran Heroes to the City of Angels

On behalf of the VA Desert Pacific Healthcare Network, we welcome you to Los Angeles and the 16th National Veterans Golden Age Games. We are proud to host the Games this year and look forward to many competitive events. We are confident that Los Angeles will provide an enjoyable venue for the games.

The national Veterans Golden Age Games showcases the preventive and therapeutic value of staying active, keeping fit, and enjoying recreational activities throughout one's lifetime. You are an example that age is not an obstacle or barrier to remaining physically and mentally active.

I want to commend all of our competitors, sponsors, faculty and staff throughout the Network, which includes VA healthcare centers in Los Angeles, Long Beach, Loma Linda, San Diego and Southern Nevada, for their tireless effort in making this year's Golden Age Games the best ever.

Remember, while everyone won't be a gold medal recipient, you are all true heroes. Your dedication and courage are an inspiration. We are eager to make your stay in Los Angeles as enjoyable as possible.

Relax and enjoy the camaraderie. I wish you good health and good luck!



**Kenneth J. Clark**  
*Network Director*

Sincerely,

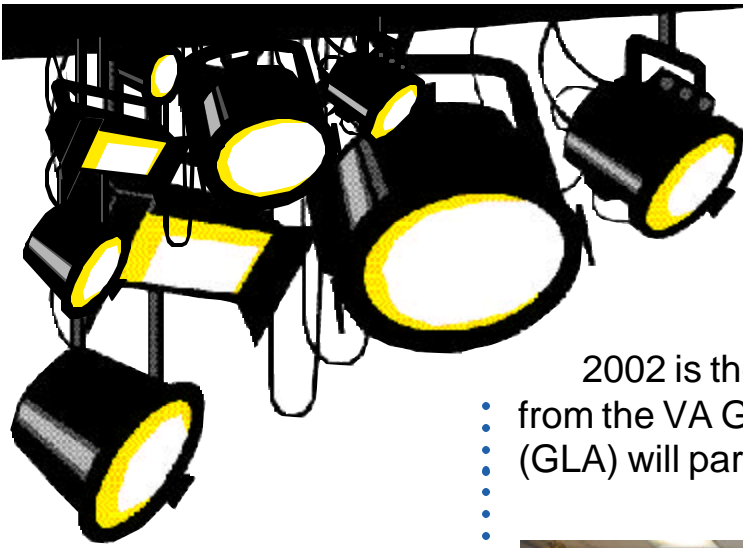
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## The Games Committee Welcomes you to LA and invites you to tell your story!

Have you met a service buddy here at the Games?  
Are you celebrating a birthday or an anniversary while attending the games?  
Have you participated in all 16 Golden Age Games?  
Do you have an interesting fact about the games?  
Do you have a humorous or inspirational Game moment to share?

Share your stories with the Media Center. You could be front page coverage.  
The Media Center is located in the Constellation Room II on the Plaza Level.





# Spot Light

## VA Greater Los Angeles The Home Team

### Schedule Changes

#### Alternate Activities

#### Monday, August 12

Baseball Game  
Angels vs Detroit Tigers  
5 P.M. - 11 P.M.

Marina Del Rey Cruise  
10:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.

African American  
Museum trip  
CANCELLED  
due to renovations

#### Wednesday, August 14

Deep Sea Fishing  
6:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.

#### Thursday, August 15

Camarillo Mall Trip  
CANCELLED

2002 is the third consecutive year the combined team from the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (GLA) will participate in the Golden Age Games. The



teams are represented by the three GLA facilities: Los Angeles Ambulatory Care Center/East Los Angeles Community Based Outpatient Clinic, Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center and West Los Angeles, Healthcare Center.

Each facility is unique. Since the early 90's, each facility had separate teams. Integration changed that in the late 90's. Recently, the

three teams became one. The team from Greater Los Angeles dominated the 15<sup>th</sup> National Veterans Golden Age Games, winning 54 medals, the most medals in the history of the Games.

The GLA team welcomes all teams to Los Angeles and Southern California!

Surf's up! Let the Games begin!

### Lights! Camera! Action!

Welcome to Los Angeles! The home of movies and movie stars, the sparkling Pacific Ocean and miles of beaches.

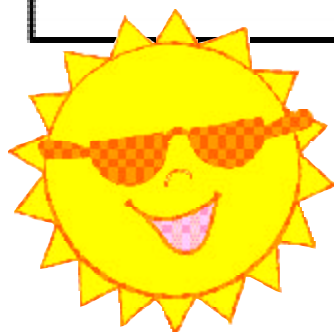
The City of Angels awaits you, walk Hollywood, visit the museums, stroll Rodeo Drive.

The hotel concierge in the lobby is standing by to answer your touring questions and to assist with transportation.



# SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

BREAKFAST	6:00-8:00 a.m.	Outside Pool Area
REGISTRATION	8:00-3:00 p.m.	Bel Air Room
LUNCH	11:30-1:30 p.m.	Outside Pool Area
DINNER	4:00-5:30 p.m.	Outside Pool Area
LINE UP FOR PARADE	5:00 p.m.	California Showroom
OPENING CEREMONIES	6:00 p.m.	Los Angeles Ball Room
MUSIC	8:00-10:00 p.m.	"Ricky Minor's"
LATE REGISTRATION	8:00-9:30 p.m.	Command Center
L.A. DISCO OPEN	10:00 p.m.	Olympic I Ballroom



TODAY'S  
WEATHER  
**SUNNY**

## MENU

**Breakfast: Served**  
6:00-8:00  
Juice  
Seasonal Fruit  
Danish, Bread, Rolls  
Scrambled Eggs  
Bacon  
Hash Browns  
Coffee/Tea

**Lunch: Served**  
11:30-1:30  
Sliced Fruits  
Garden Salad  
Assorted Deli Meats  
Assorted Breads &  
Rolls  
Coffee/Tea

**Dinner: Served**  
4:30-6:30  
Salad  
Seasonal Vegetables  
Penne Pasta with  
Grilled Chicken  
Assorted Rolls,  
Assorted Cakes  
Coffee/Tea

All meals are served Buffet Style at the Reflecting Pool

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